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CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala owned Kerala Industrial Enterprises Ltd. (KSIE) a profit making company with ISO certification for excellence in performance has been handling Air Cargo in the two airports at Thiruvanathapuram and Calicut for several decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this right of KSIE to manage the airports have been denied after they were renovated and rebuilt;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government for restoration of status quo?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The air cargo complex at Trivandrum airport was set up by M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises (KSIE) in the year 1979 outside the Trivandrum airport in a temporary shed. Later, KSIE constructed a proper air cargo complex in 1987 for handling export and import cargo outside the airport. At Calicut airport, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has constructed a building and handed it over to KSIE for processing export cargo whereas KSIE has its own warehouse near the airport for handling import cargo.

(c),(d)&(e) Till date, the cargo facilities at Trivandrum and Calicut airports are being operated by KSIE itself who is also the customs appointed custodian.